

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 27 and ending at page 10, line 2, as follows:

~~Figure 4 is a~~ Figures 4(a) and 4(b) are schematic ~~view~~ views of a flat surface configuration of the fixing roller and the fixing nip in Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 5 and ending at line 8, as follows:

~~Figure 6 is a~~ Figures 6(a) and 6(b) are schematic views of a configuration of the fixing roller a flat surface configuration of the fixing nip according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention.